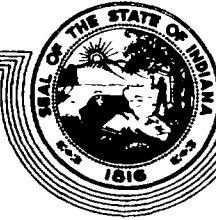


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INDIANA UTILITY
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CAUSE NO. 42303

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT)
OF INDIANA PAYPHONE ASSOCIATION)
FOR A COMMISSION DETERMINATION)
OF JUST AND REASONABLE RATES)
AND CHARGES AND COMPLIANCE)
WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS)

RESPONDENTS: AMERITECH INDIANA,)
VERIZON AND SPRINT/UNITED)

You are hereby notified that on this date, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has caused the following entry to be made:

On October 10, 2002, Complainant, Indiana Payphone Association, ("IPA" or "Complainant") filed its Complaint against Indiana Bell Telephone Company ("Ameritech"), Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems (together "Verizon") and United Telephone Company of Indiana, Inc. d/b/a Sprint ("Sprint") (collectively the "Respondents") with the Commission seeking a determination whether the rates and charges of the Respondents for underlying pay telephone access lines, features and usage are reasonable, just, lawful, and comply with the FCC's New Services Test.

On December 18, 2002, Respondent Verizon, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-4, Ind. Tr.R. 26(c), Ind. Code § 5-14, Ind. Code § 24-2-3-1, *et. seq.*, and Ind. Code § 8-1-2-29, filed a *Verified Petition for Protection of Confidential and Proprietary Information* (the "Petition") in the above captioned Cause. In its Petition, Verizon indicates that Verizon's cost studies and certain documents relating thereto (hereinafter "Confidential Material") consist of non-public information that is proprietary to the Company. Verizon indicates in its Petition that it has taken reasonable precautions against disclosure of the Confidential Material, and that public disclosure of the material could provide a competitive advantage to competitors of the Company. Verizon's Motion is supported by the Verification of Mr. Louis J. Mize, State Administrator – Regulatory Affairs.

The Presiding Officers, having reviewed the information contained in the Verizon's Motion now find that there is a sufficient basis for a preliminary finding that confidential procedures are appropriate and should be followed concerning the Confidential Material to be submitted by the Company. Accordingly, Verizon should *hand deliver* to the Presiding Administrative Law Judge the Confidential Material, under seal and marked as confidential, and such information shall be treated as confidential on a preliminary basis, in accordance with Ind. Code § 5-14-3-4.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

David W. Hadley
David W. Hadley, Commissioner

Carol S. Comer
Carol S. Comer, Administrative Law Judge

Date: 1-13-03

Paula Burnett acting for
Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission